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(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – Former Cartel Leader Convicted in Drug Trafficking Ring

(U) Brownsville – The former leader of Mexico's Cartel Del Golfo, a criminal organization, pleaded guilty in federal court to an international drug trafficking conspiracy that brought cocaine and marijuana into the US. Jorge Costilla-Sanchez, 48, admitted to his role in a conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute 450-kilograms of cocaine and more than 90,000-kilograms of marijuana. Costilla-Sanchez also oversaw a vast network of local plaza bosses, drug couriers, security personnel, scouts, hitmen, and others to facilitate drug trafficking operations. Costilla-Sanchez faces a minimum of 10-years and a maximum of life in prison. His sentencing is scheduled for 14 April, 2020.

SOURCE: 10 January 2020, [FOX News](#)

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(U) Colorado – Multiple People Stabbed in Downtown Area

(U) Colorado Springs – The Colorado Springs Police Department (CSPD) was called to the downtown area around 1:30 a.m. this morning and found two victims. The suspect is believed to have fled the scene on walking trails that lead to America the Beautiful Park. When officers went to the park, they found several more victims, and spread out to find the suspect. Later this morning, CSPD received additional calls that several people had been stabbed. Several victims had detained the suspect when officers arrived. The man was taken into custody. Investigators believe the attacks were random, and at this time there's no known relationship between the suspect and the victims.

SOURCE: 13 January 2020, [KRDO](#)

(U) Florida – Iranian National Found with Weapons Connected to Suspicious Vehicle

(U) Palm Beach – An Iranian national was detained after being found with weapons, Palm Beach police said. Police say they responded to reports of a suspicious person. During the investigation, it was discovered that the person is an Iranian national and was in possession of a machete, pickaxe, and two knives. According to police, Masoud Yareilzoleh was given a notice to appear in court for the concealed weapons and he had a vehicle parked at Palm Beach International Airport.

SOURCE: 10 January 2020, [CBS 12 News](#)

(U) Texas – Hackers Break into Telecom Companies to Take Over Customer Phone Numbers

(U) Dallas – Hackers are now getting telecom employees to run software that allows the hackers direct reach into the internal systems of US telecom companies to take over customer cell phone numbers. Multiple sources in and familiar with the SIM swapping community as well as shared screenshots suggest at least AT&T, T-Mobile, and Sprint have been impacted. This is an escalation in the world of SIM swapping, in which hackers take over a target's phone number so they can then access email, social media, or cryptocurrency accounts. Previously, these hackers have bribed telecom employees to perform SIM swaps or tricked workers to do so by impersonating legitimate customers over the phone or in person. Now, hackers are breaking into telecom companies to do the SIM swapping themselves.

SOURCE: 10 January 2020, [Vice](#)

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UNCLASSIFIED**(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) Kenya – Extremists Kill Three Teachers and Abduct One**

(U) Nairobi – Al-Shabab extremists killed three people in an attack at the Kamuthe center in Garissa county. The militants from neighboring Somalia attacked the center, setting fire to a police post and attempting to destroy a telecommunication mast. Three non-Muslim teachers were killed, and one teacher was abducted. Al-Shabab has vowed retribution on Kenya for its troops being present in Somalia since 2011 to fight the militants. The group has carried out numerous attacks on Kenya, killing hundreds. SOURCE: 12 January 2020, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Lebanon – Hezbollah Calls on Allies to Start Working to Avenge Soleimani

(U) Beirut – Hezbollah said yesterday it was time for Iran's allies to begin working to retaliate for the killing of Major General Qassem Soleimani. Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah also denied the Iranian general had been planning to blow up US embassies. Nasrallah said last week that Iran's allies, which include the Syrian government and numerous paramilitary groups set up with Iranian support in Iraq and Syria, should help exact revenge for Soleimani's killing. SOURCE: 12 January 2020, [Reuters](#)

(U) Mexico – 12-Year-Old Boy Kills Teacher and Injures Several Others

(U) Torreon – An 11-year-old boy armed with two guns fatally shot his teacher and wounded at least six others before killing himself at his northern Mexico elementary school. The sixth grader killed a female teacher inside the private Colegio Cervantes de Torreon elementary school in the state of Coahuila. At least five students and another teacher were injured. The student apparently opened fire with both weapons after he failed to return from the bathroom after 15 minutes and his teacher went to look for him.

SOURCE: 10 January 2020, [New York Post](#)

(U) Pakistan – Death Toll in Mosque Suicide Bombing Rises to 15

(U) Quetta – The death toll from a suicide bombing at a mosque in the southwestern Pakistani city of Quetta rose to 15 officials said. The blast during evening prayers also wounded at least 20 other people. The Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) claimed its suicide bomber carried out the attack to target an Afghan Taliban seminary. The attack was the second in the city this week, while police said they had foiled another by killing a suicide attacker in Rawalpindi city near Islamabad after he shot and killed two policemen.

SOURCE: 11 January 2020, [Reuters](#)

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